A. D. Foster Esq (declines)

Worcester June 15. 1839

Sir.

105 Your communication respecting the organization of the Massachusetts Abolition Society, and informing me that the list of officers, including my name as a Vice President was received last evening.

I freely and fully assent to the principles embodied in the preamble of the Constitution, but I do not yet see it to be my duty to join a Society for aperting them. I have, heretofore, considered the question whether I ought to take that method of avowing my opinions, and exercising the little influence I have, but my conclusion has always been, as now. You will oblige me, therefore, by not including my name, in the list of officers which may be published.

Wishing God speed to every judicious, and single hearted effort to promote the immediate emancipation of the slave, I am very respectfully yours

A. D. Foster

Rev'd A. A. Phelps. Sec. of Mass. Abolition Society